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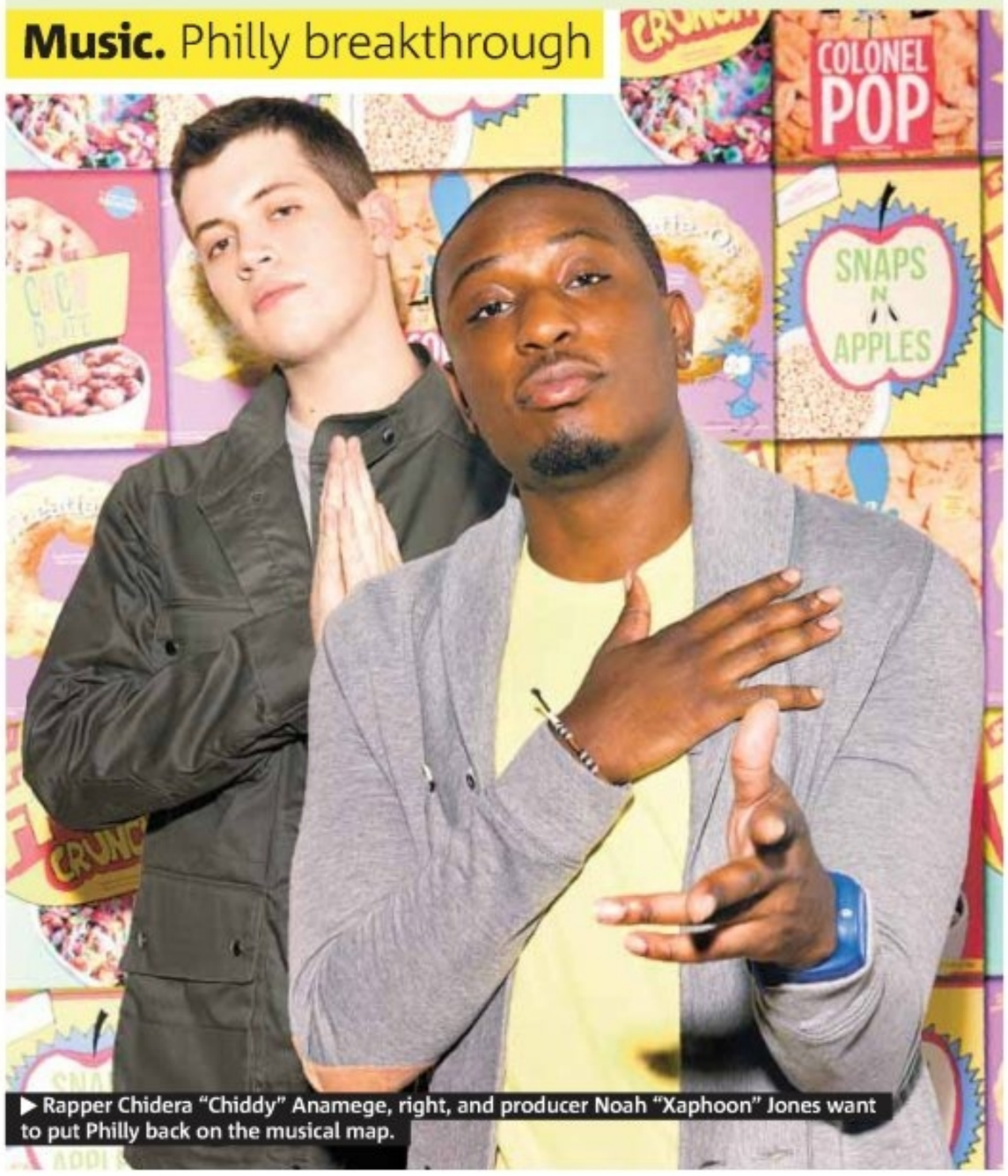

▶ Rapper Chidera "Chiddy" Anamege, right, and producer Noah "Xaphoon" Jones want to put Philly back on the musical map.

Two former Drexel University students hit it big recently with a major label, seemingly on the brink of superstardom. Known as Chiddy Bang, they've already embarked on a worldwide tour and their album "Breakfast," released officially yesterday, made its mark on iTunes charts last week. Metro got the scoop on what it's like to make it and how Philly played a role. {page 02}

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Drexel duo wants Philly back on the musical map

Rapper, producer team released major label record last week and then zoomed up iTunes chart They credit Philly's 'melting pot' of sounds

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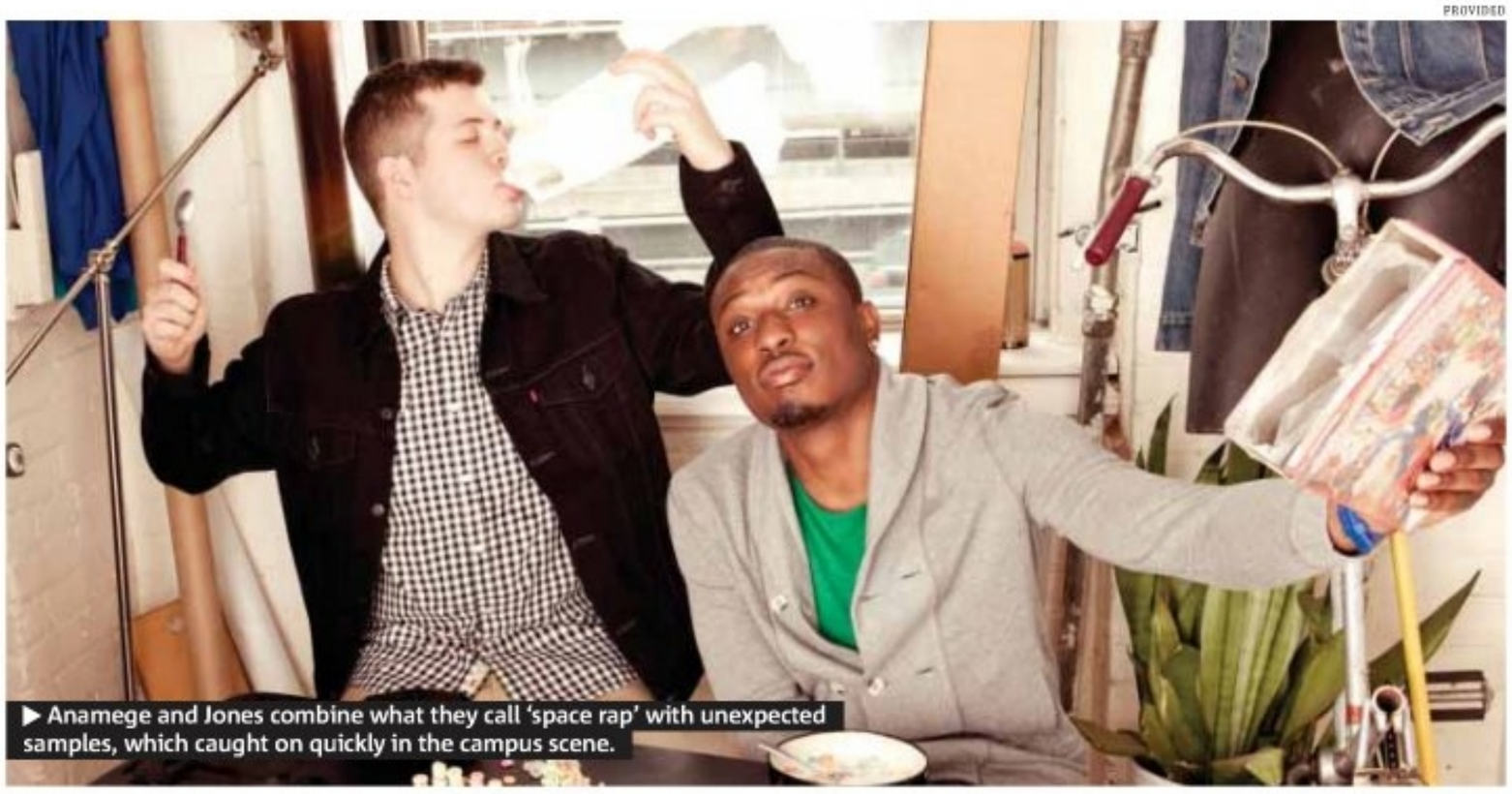

▶ Anamege and Jones combine what they call 'space rap' with unexpected samples, which caught on quickly in the campus scene.

It's rare these days to see a Philadelphia music act teetering on the brink of superstardom; rarer still that they are a Drexel-educated hip-hop duo who sample songs by Sufjan Stevens and Kate Nash.

Rapper Chidera "Chiddy" Anamege — who with producer Noah "Xaphoon" Jones comprises Chiddy Bang — says only in Philly would such a phenomenon be possible.

"Philly definitely was a great starting point for us because there's a lot of musical influences around," Anamege said on the phone Monday from the dressing room at Conan O'Brien. "That's what Philadelphia is — a melting pot of a lot of different sounds."

Chiddy Bang was borne out of Drexel University, where prolific freestyler Anamege met Jones, a former intern at the Clef Club and student of the school's much-lauded music industry program. "I had never heard of MGMT or any of those bands, I just come from a straight hip-hop background," Anamege said. "Noah takes the things we sample and puts them in a different context."

The group's signature combination of streetwise rap over industry-savvy samples caught on quickly in the college scene. "All the schools in the city of Philadelphia, that definitely helped," Anamege said.

The group signed with EMI's U.K.-based Parlophone imprint in 2010 with plans to release a 2011 album, but the achievement brought challenges. "Once we signed, we became aware of a totally different worldview where you can't put out music for free because you're trying to make money off of it," Jones said.

Despite the sometimes rocky road, Chiddy Bang released their major label debut, "Breakfast," last Tuesday, and it skyrocketed to No. 4 on iTunes' top 10 chart. A year after their first show at Swarthmore College, they sold out South Street's Theater of the Living Arts.

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'Frat rap'? 'Hipster hop'?

PHILADELPHIA. With all of the musical baggage each member totes, Chiddy Bang's sound is hard to define. Drawing a wide audience, from indie-loving hipsters to hard-core hip-hop fans, the genre has been described as "alternative hip-hop," "frat rap," and "hipster hop."

"I'd say we definitely have one foot in hip-hop world and one foot in the pop world," Jones said. "And one in the alternative electronic world."

"We call it space rap from the future," Anamege said. "We're the type of dudes who spontaneously make music and we can sample anything from any genre — we don't really care. I think that's why you can't really put your finger on what we do because we do everything."

"That's the Philadelphia influence." METRO

Long live Philly

Their time in Philly was instrumental in their development and at least one member plans to one day return for good. Here's quick looks at their present, past and future related to the city:

- Though they currently live a nomadic lifestyle, embarking on a whirlwind tour in the states and abroad, both musicians say Philadelphia is especially significant.
- "To me, Philly is dope. I feel like when we came into this situation when we first went to Drexel the timing was perfect," Anamege said. "The time that we started chopping up those samples, nobody was doing that stuff. We figured out a lane for ourselves and just had to carve it."
- Jones, who recently gave up his South Philadelphia lease, hopes to one day retire in the city.

"I want to build a recording studio in Philadelphia so kids have a place to learn."
JONES

In the news

Support for Bucks County's Murphy for AG

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5 and District Attorney Seth Williams formally endorsed Patrick Murphy for Pennsylvania attorney general yesterday. Murphy, an Iraq war veteran and former congressman, is running against Lackawanna County prosecutor Kathleen Kane and former Congressman Don Bailey in the April 24 Democratic primary. Murphy lost his re-election bid to Mike Fitzpatrick in 2010. METRO

Today's local tweet

"Mayor @Michael_Nutter will not propose any tax increase in next week's budget address, rather a focus on investing in a better City."

@PHILLYPRESSSEC, NUTTER SPOKESMAN MARK MCDONALD, IN A TWEET ABOUT THE MAYOR'S UPCOMING BUDGET ADDRESS TO COUNCIL ON MARCH 8

▶ Bevilacqua

Autopsy: Cardinal had drugs in system

PHILADELPHIA. Toxicology results from a preliminary autopsy report on the late Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua showed that he had drugs in his system when he died last month, according to reports.

The pharmaceuticals were all prescribed, but further testing is needed to determine if the levels in his body were in line with normal dosages, according to the Montgomery County coroner. Bevilacqua, 88, died at Saint Charles Borromeo seminary. METRO

School closings hearing this weekend

PHILADELPHIA. The city school district will hold public hearings Saturday on the proposed closure of nine schools before a final vote scheduled for March 29.

The district has held 21 community meetings over the past three months to get feedback concerned community members. METRO

Resident high-rise breaks ground

CENTER CITY. Officials will break ground for a new high-rise building near 21st and Chestnut streets on Thursday.

John Buck Co. and the INDURE fund will construct a 34-story building with 319 residential units and first-floor retail space at 2116 Chestnut St. The site is the longtime home to the old Sidney Hillman Medical Center. METRO

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Confused about taxes? Philly taxpayers not sure

Large majority doesn't like how much in local taxes they pay Nearly half polled would pay more for better services Not sugar tax, however

Seven out of 10 Philadelphia residents are concerned about the overall tax burden, but many would not mind paying more for increased services, according to a poll released yesterday.

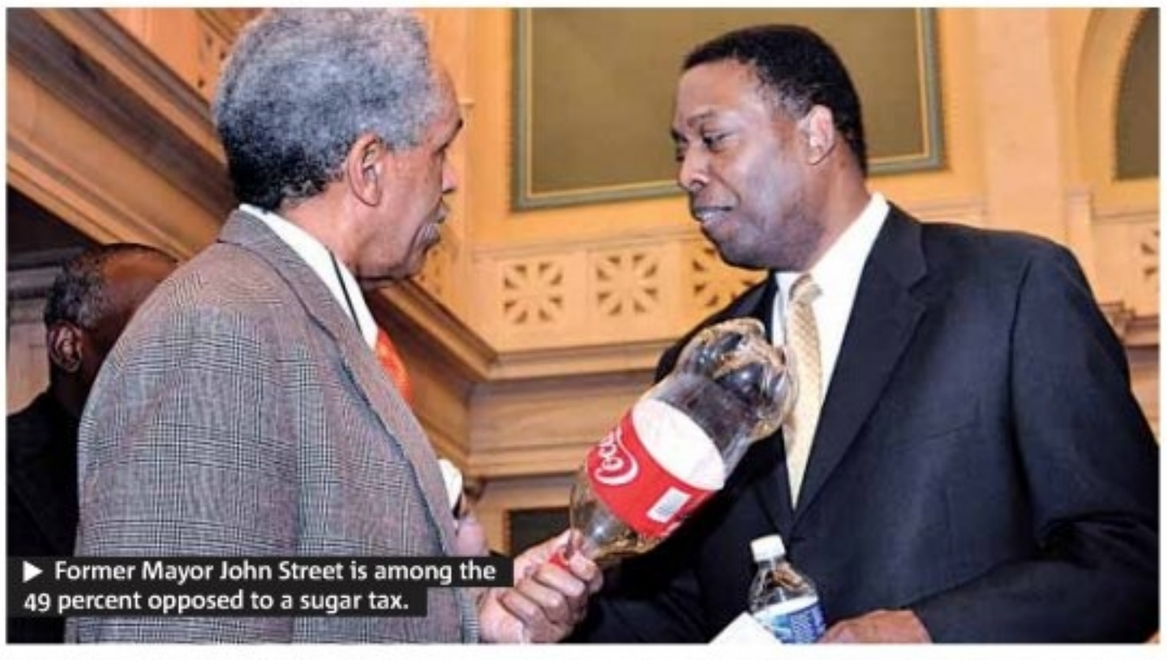
The study from the Pew Charitable Trusts' Philadelphia Research Initiative reveals that 70 percent of city residents call high taxes a "somewhat serious" or "very serious" problem in their neighborhoods, up from 62 percent last year and 55 percent in 2010.

Fifty-four percent say they pay too much for the level of service they receive, while 39 percent claim they get their "money's worth" or a "good deal" for their tax dollars.

At the same time, 49 percent of respondents said they would prefer more government services and higher taxes, with 42 percent opting for lower taxes and fewer services.

"It's a mixed message, and it suggests if you can persuade people they're actually going to get more they might be willing to pay more," said Larry Eichel, PRI project director. "But that's a high bar to prove that you're going to be able to provide more."

For the past two years, City Council has approved an increase in property taxes — much of which has gone to provide additional funding for the financially-strapped School District of Philadelphia.



▶ Former Mayor John Street is among the 49 percent opposed to a sugar tax.

73%
Those who rated the city's street repair and maintenance as poor or "only fair."

71%
Those who rated the city's public education system as poor or "only fair."

1,600
Number of residents sampled in the citywide poll conducted between Jan. 4 and 19.

The survey also polled residents' feelings about some proposed ideas to generate more local revenue.

A sugary drinks tax, which Council has rejected for the past two years, is pretty evenly split, with 46 percent in favor and 49 percent opposed.

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▶ A Temple student was among those killed.

Driver acquitted in deadly Megabus crash

PHILADELPHIA. A bus driver was acquitted yesterday of murder charges for the deaths of four passengers during a September 2010 accident on a route traveling from Philadelphia to Toronto.

John Tomaszewski, 60, of Yardville, N.J., was operating a double-decker Megabus carrying 29 passengers that struck a railroad bridge in Salina, N.Y., just outside Syracuse. The bus was scheduled to stop at the Regional Transportation Center in Syracuse, but Tomaszewski missed the exit and wound up on the parkway.

Onondaga County Court Judge Anthony Aloi issued the ruling in a non-jury trial. If convicted, Tomaszewski would have faced up to four years in state prison.

Killed in the crash were Temple University student Kevin Coffey, 19, of Kansas; Deanna Armstrong, 18, of New Jersey; Benjamin Okorie, 35, a Malaysian minister; and Ashwani Mehta, 34, of India. METRO/SDL

Wildwood rated No. 1 boardwalk

NEW JERSEY. Website Family Vacation Critic named Wildwood's boardwalk the "number one beach boardwalk for families," suggesting that the criteria for the ranking may be based on the number of souvenir hermit crabs for sale and is possibly influenced by a penchant for cheap domestic beer. The website cited Wildwood's kitsch, including its "Doo-Wop architecture" and "nostalgic, honky-tonk atmosphere" as a reason to visit.

Wildwood beat out Coney Island, Santa Cruz and Chicago's Navy Pier for the dubious honor. METRO/AW

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Time for reflection at Comcast one year later

Comcast says it has met — and in many cases exceeded — the conditions set as part of its $13.8 billion merger with NBC Universal in January 2011, the company said in a one-year anniversary compliance report filed yesterday with the Federal Communication Commission.

"Our commitments and the conditions, though extensive, have been incorporated into our business activities and become part of the company's 'DNA,'" wrote Comcast Executive Vice President David Cohen in a blog post about the report on Comcast's website.

"The substantial public interest benefits promised by the transaction and the competitive safeguards sought by the FCC are being realized," Cohen wrote.

Comcast is required to file compliance reports every year for seven years. The FCC is not required to respond or take action, unless a third party should complain to the commission that Comcast is not, in fact, meeting its requirements.

Many of the FCC conditions sought to maintain fair competition, to ensure the newly formed company would allow access to its vast library of films and television from both Universal and NBC. Comcast agreed to forgo its management slice of the video-sharing site Hulu, which NBC had managed along with Fox and ABC.

It also called upon the new company to maintain and expand local news and to augment diverse programming choices, as well as and minority ownership opportunities.

Also laid out were conditions in keeping with the FCC's net-neutrality policies, making sure that Comcast-NBCU would not impinge upon the marketplace choices of its 22.3 million video subscribers and 18.1 million Internet subscribers. REUTERS

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Reaching for its goals.

"We are proud of the achievements of our first year, from increasing broadband adoption among low-income Americans to increasing local news coverage; [from] expanding carriage of diverse programming to committing to launch new independent channels with diverse ownership."
COHEN

Giant's successes

Some accomplishments listed by Cohen in his blog post:

- Launched Internet Essentials — "the largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program in America," connecting more than 41,000 homes to the Internet (an estimated 80,000 children and 160,000 low-income Americans), most for the first time.
- Surpassed its first-year broadband expansion target by 544 miles (for a total of 2,044 miles)
- Increased carriage of diverse networks such as the Africa Channel by 2 million homes, Mnet by 4 million homes and TVOne by 600,000 homes.
- Expanded distribution of seven Hispanic or Spanish-language independent networks by 14 million homes, surpassing the three network and 10 million homes target in its commitment
- Committed to launching 10 new independent channels by 2019 — and is already halfway through its eight-year commitment

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Romney, Santorum see tight race in Michigan

DETROIT. Mitt Romney edged ahead of rival Rick Santorum in Michigan's Republican presidential primary yesterday as the former front-runner fought to avoid a humiliating defeat in the Rust Belt State where he grew up.

With 61 percent of precincts reporting at press time, Romney led Santorum by 40 percent to 36 percent. Texas Congressman Ron Paul claimed 12 percent and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich had 7 percent.

In Arizona, television networks declared Romney the winner as soon as polls closed. **REUTERS**

Two more teens die after school shooting in Ohio

CHARDON, OHIO. Two more students have been pronounced dead from wounds suffered in Monday's shooting rampage at an Ohio high school, authorities said yesterday, as the shaken suburban Cleveland town prepared for a vigil for the five teenage victims of the attack.

Demetrius Hewlin and Russell King Jr., 17, were both declared dead, a spokesman for Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's office said, adding to the toll from the mayhem at Chardon High School.

Daniel Parmertor, 16, was declared dead on Monday. Two other students were still hospitalized yesterday with gunshot wounds. **REUTERS**

9/11 victims' remains ended up in landfill

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▶ A report says the remains of 9/11 victims were mishandled.

Partial remains from some victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks ended up in a landfill, according to a Pentagon report released yesterday that also revealed other blunders at the U.S. military's main mortuary.

The Pentagon report said that several portions of remains found from the attack on the Pentagon and at the Pennsylvania crash site of a hijacked airliner presumably ended up in a landfill after being handed over to a private firm.

It did not say precisely where the remains ended up.

Retired General John Abizaid, briefing Pentagon reporters on the findings of the review of practices at the mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, said it was unclear how many Sept. 11 victims' partial remains were disposed of in this manner.

"I don't know that there's a way to find out," Abizaid said.

The details were disclosed in passing in a report that focused on ways to improve oversight and controls of the Dover mortuary after the disclosure last year of the mishandling of remains of war dead. **REUTERS**

Previous mistake

▶ In 2006, the mortuary accidentally disposed of remains from a crashed Navy training aircraft as medical waste, as opposed to giving them a group burial.

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Boob jobs from hell

As reports of botched implants increase, we ask plastic surgeons about what to look for in a doctor

Instead of going to a licensed medical practitioner for breast augmentation two weeks ago, a woman from Tyler, Texas, decided to go to Queen Divas Hair Salon and Spa instead. There, she was implanted with an unidentified substance by salon owner Carmel Foster, authorities told a local television station. The woman "became very ill — her chest was swollen, and she was complaining of a lot of pain." She was admitted to a local hospital in critical condition.

"It makes all the sense in the world to check up on your surgeon."

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Going under the knife is a pricey and painful decision, but thousands choose to undergo the procedures in search of that ideal body. But, the unsafe — not to mention highly illegal — choice to cut costs and go with a less reputable doctor or use an unlicensed person can be downright deadly.

"You're having surgery electively," explains Dr. Stephan Baker, a licensed plastic surgeon in Coral Gables, Fla., who is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. "It makes all the sense in the world to check up on your surgeon."

"You say to yourself, 'What were some of these people thinking?'" he added.

The ABPS, the world's largest organization of board-certified plastic surgeons, warns that more patients than ever are getting injured or dying because they are choosing to undergo procedures with unqualified surgeons or people.

The Texas story is just one case in a string of recent horrifying plastic surgery nightmares, which includes one woman who injected rubber cement into her patients to give them butt implants. A Los Angeles woman was left with a "uniboob," where both her breasts were connected by skin after a botched surgery. And just last year, a woman received a $10 million settlement from a British judge who determined her face lift surgery, which was performed in Leeds, U.K., caused nerve damage.

Baker says he understands

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why people want the cheaper route, but with any discount a potential patient must wonder what they are giving up for the lower cost. "There is a misconception among consumers that as long as a doctor is certified in a medical field that he or she is qualified to practice plastic surgery. This is absolutely wrong and it is dangerous for patients," said Malcolm Z. Roth, an M.D. and ASPS president.

However, some people will opt to travel to other countries or locations to get their surgery done for cheaper. Baker says while "medical tourism" doesn't necessarily mean a death sentence, and different markets do have different prices, it is still very important to make sure that whoever is performing your procedure is licensed and the appropriate person to do your procedure. "To stay safe, you have to do your homework," Baker said.

The Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons said that cases of corrective surgery rose 38 percent over 2011, with the majority of the revisions due to medical tourism procedures — especially breast resizing. And 72 percent of surgeons said they had seen tourism surgery cases they couldn't correct.

"You have to be suspicious, and you have to ask questions," Baker said. "If it is too good to be true, it is too good to be true. Surgery is something you can't return."

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DIGITAL VISION

▶ Read about the doctor's reputation. If people are happy, chances are the new patent will be happy too.

How to find a good doctor

Baker says there are some simple checks that any person can do to make sure their surgeon is not only licensed to perform the procedure they want, but will know what to do if a complication arises.

- Check what boards the surgeon is certified by and make sure the accreditation comes from a valid organization.
- Look into if the person performing the procedure has a valid medical license. In the United States, you can always check with a state's Board of Medicine to see if the doctor is licensed to practice in that state.
- Ask about what kind of anesthesia the doctor gives patients, and who will administer the anesthesia. A licensed anesthesiologist should be on hand.
- Read about the doctor's reputation. If people are happy, chances are the new patent will be happy too. Look at before and after photos.
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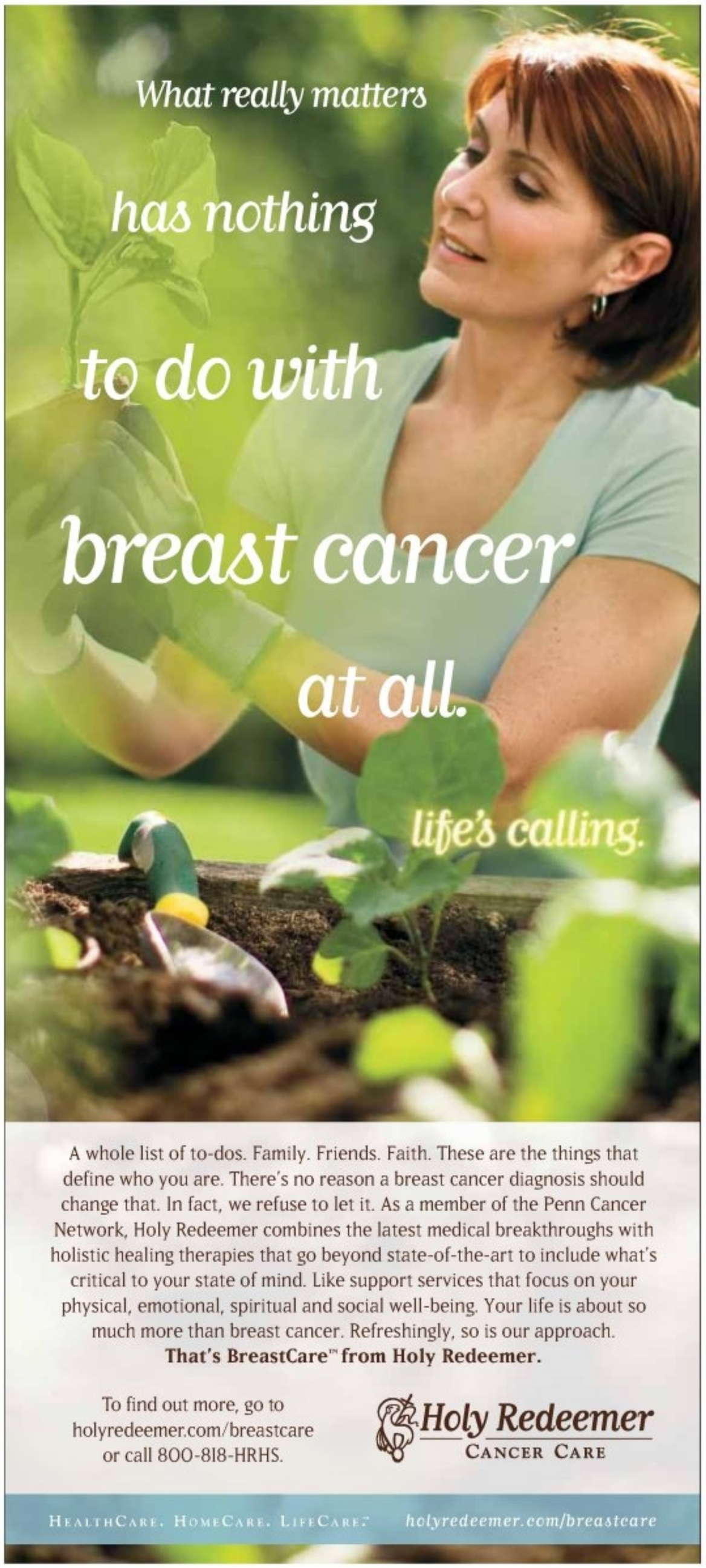
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GOP campaign circus still too close to call

▶ The GOP presidential race is still anyone's game. Probably.

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We've been gone for a little while and boy has a whole lot changed. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is considered the front-runner of a race no one seems particularly excited about finishing. In a classic case of Romneying, the well-to-do politician explained to NASCAR afficionados that he, too, enjoys the popular Southern pastime — especially considering that several of his friends own teams! And Restore Our Future, the super PAC backing Romney, has unleashed a torrent of negative ads attacking his current closest contender, Rick Santorum, who until rather recently was actually leading in a series of nationwide polls.

What a world of difference a week and a half can make!

Well, the whole narrative may — but most probably won't — change today when with any luck the winner(s) of yesterday's two qualifying contests, in Michigan and Arizona, are announced. The results are expected to arrive too late for us to do any substantial analysis today; we'll save that for tomorrow, and leave the guesswork to the experts.

Experts such as poll analyst Nate Silver, who thinks Michigan — Romney's home state, though one he's antagonized by strongly opposing Obama-led auto bailouts that seem to have led to a strengthened local industry and the saving of millions of jobs — could go either way. Most polls, meanwhile, show Arizona leaning strongly in Romney's favor.

Regardless of who wins, though, the campaign environment isn't likely to undergo a drastic change. Will an unrealistic double-rout by Santorum compel Romney to cede the race to his rival? Not likely. Nor will the more plausible double Romney win convince Santorum et al that they've missed their chance. Ron Paul is still playing the long game, hoping to pick up enough consolation delegates to buy some more establishment support for his libertarian ideas. And then there's Gingrich: Educated guessing on the future intentions of that guy likely eludes even experts like Silver.

With Super Tuesday a week away, we may yet be on the cusp of some serious political momentum; if, that is, voters agree enough to elevate a single candidate. If not, a brokered convention may be on the horizon — a looming possibility that could, perhaps, be one GOP mystery more unfathomable than even Gingrich himself.

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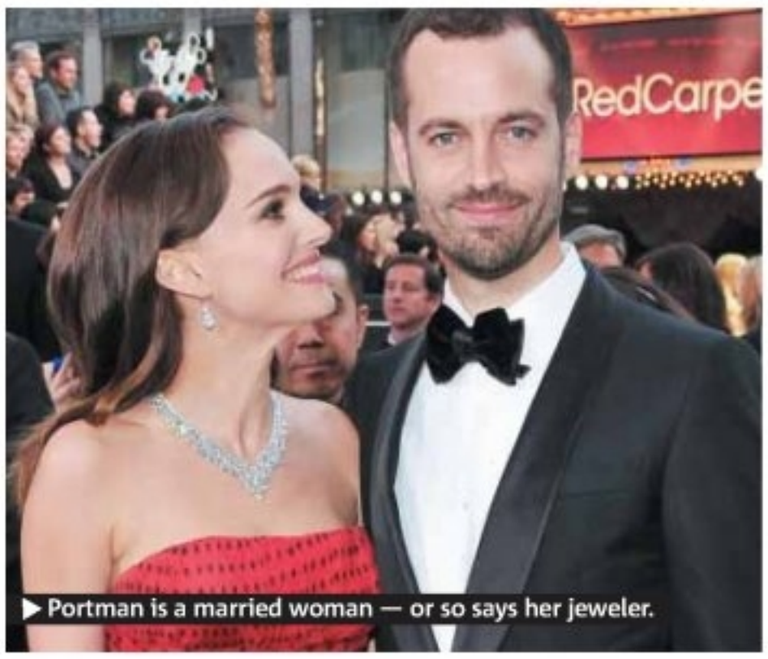
– Dorothy Robinson will return tomorrow.

Natalie Portman is married — and didn't invite us

After showing up to the Academy Awards sporting suspicious rings, it seems that **Natalie Portman** and **Benjamin Millepied** did, indeed, get married without telling us. Jeweler **Jamie Wolf** confirms that the couple — who met on the set of "Black Swan" and have a son together — created the wedding bands.

"I designed the rings worn by Benjamin Millepied and Natalie Portman," Wolf told Us-Magazine.com. "They were made with recycled platinum and conflict-free diamonds."

Their eco-friendly jeweler leaked the news? This, friends, is what we call a rich person problem.



▶ Portman is a married woman — or so says her jeweler.

Jolie's Oscar leg explained

After we had time to process **Angelina Jolie**'s display of a whole lot of right leg at the Oscars, we moved on to round two: finding answers. (At least we think this is round two — there aren't a whole lot of guidelines here.) Naturally, an unnamed source who is "close to her" was happy to speculate about the pose to Perezhilton.com. "Angie was vamping it up, no more, nothing less," says the source. "She was having fun, living in the moment, like she always does. She is absolutely oblivious to the controversy and attention the sexy pose has created."

This is what we were afraid of. There's no joke, no silly bet with **George Clooney** and **Brad Pitt**, no extra cocktail to blame: She thought this was sexy.

Angelina Jolie, you are Angelina Jolie, undisputed and supreme Hollywood sex symbol. Sticking your bare leg out on stage is the equivalent of **Chris Rock** getting up there and telling recycled "Two and a Half Men" jokes. You're better than this — or, at least, hotter than this.

CHRIS HASTON/NBC

▶ Spader has turned in his two weeks.

Spader is off 'Office'

James Spader is ending his recurring role as the disturbing Robert California on "The Office" after this season. "James always wanted this to be a one-year arc, and he now leaves us having created one of the most enigmatic and dynamic characters in television," said executive producer **Paul Lieberstein** in a statement.

We love a nice exit speech, but he's not even the most "enigmatic" character at Dunder Mifflin. What say you, Dwight Schrute?

Great expectations for Blue Ivy

Blue Ivy Carter is just 7 weeks old, but some are already expecting she'll follow in parents **Beyonce** and **Jay-Z**'s famous footsteps. "She is going to be an entertainer," family friend **Gwyneth Paltrow** tells Hollywood Life. "She just has this glow around her like her mother."

That glow? It's most likely Cheerios dust, Gwyn — give the girl some room.

Talking points

More secret wedding news: Biel and Timberlake

Jessica Biel and **Justin Timberlake** are trying to keep their engagement quiet, but their friends and family aren't really helping. First, Timberlake's grandmother spilled the beans about the singer's proposal, and now Biel's "New Year's Eve" director, **Garry Marshall**, is gushing about their renewed romance. "We talk about it a lot. I hope it all works out. They are terrific kids," Marshall tells Us Weekly. "I love them both. I'm happy for her."

Young claims she's innocent

"Blade Runner" star **Sean Young** was arrested after trying to sneak into the post-Oscars Governors Ball, according to TMZ. The actress, who recently appeared on "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew," made it into the party initially and hobnobbed with the likes of **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** before being asked to leave, as she didn't have a ticket for the event. Sources say she then tried to get back into the party, leading to an altercation with security personnel. Young was booked on a misdemeanor battery charge.

▶ Thurman

Baby on the way for Thurman

Uma Thurman is expecting a baby with financier **Arpad Busson**, her rep confirms to People magazine. And while the actress wasn't necessarily ready to talk about her pregnancy, her friends were more than happy to. "Yes, Uma is pregnant," a Thurman pal tells Life & Style. "She hasn't announced it yet, but a lot of her friends were asking her because they could tell the difference when they saw her at New York Fashion Week. She's usually so skinny, but now she has the cutest little bump and a glow about her." Thurman also has two children with ex-husband **Ethan Hawke**.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Judy Greer is learning new things, Matt Lucas is easily amused, Kelly Osbourne will only go so far for beauty, Steve Martin is behind schedule and Joan Rivers had a wardrobe malfunction.

@missjudygreer
Turns out I married a man who knows every word to every Neil Diamond song ever. This wasn't mentioned in the courting process.

@RealMattLucas
You'll chuckle at this. I just took a shower and I actually did at one point drop the soap.

@MissKellyO
random question what can i do to get rid of puffy eyes from crying? there is no way i am putting hemroid cream on my eyes!

@SteveMartinToGo
Still getting dressed for Oscars.

@Joan_Rivers
Both Jennifer Lopez and I have experienced nipple slips at the Oscars. The only difference is that mine was peeking out of an open-toe shoe.

The 12 celebs competing on this season's "Dancing with the Stars" get cha-chaing on Monday, March 19, at 8 p.m. on ABC.

Say hello to the new 'Dancing with the Stars' cast

We don't really remember half of these people either, so here's a helpful little cheat sheet.

1. Melissa Gilbert: The former "Little House on the Prairie" star (and sister to **Sara Gilbert**, a host on "The Talk"), returns to ABC after she directed the network's after school special, "Me and My Hormones." Yup, that is true. She'll join tabloid star/pro dancer **Maksim Chmerkovskiy**.

2. Sherri Shepherd: We're a little curious about how Shepherd will manage her time between this show, rehearsals and her gig as a co-host on "The View," but hey, the gal must really love her ABC. She dances with **Val Chmerkovskiy** (and no, that's not a coincidental last name: His brother is **Maksim**).

3. Martina Navratilova: Navratilova is the only tennis player in the world who has won Grand Slam titles in four different decades. The breast cancer survivor has won 59 Grand Slam titles, nine Wimbledon singles championships and 344 tournaments. She's paired with **Tony Dovolani**.

4. Maria Menounos: The actress, author and TV host has a pretty beefy résumé: At 22, she was the youngest person to host "Entertainment Tonight," and she also conducted the only interview with the Obama family during the presidential campaign. She dances alongside **Derek Hough.**

5. Gladys Knight: The diva of soul needs no introduction: She's won eight Grammys during her illustrious career and has recorded more than 38 albums. She was most recently seen in the **Tyler Perry** film "I Can Do Bad All By Myself." Knight is paired with **Tristan MacManus.**

6. Jaleel White: Before there was **Zooey Deschanel**, the most adorkable person on TV was **Steve Urkel**. White returns to network television after stints on "Boston Legal," "House" and the feature film "Dreamgirls." He'll be dancing with two-time champ **Kym Johnson**.

7. Donald Driver: Packers' fans will know Driver as a Super Bowl champ and the All-Time Leading Receiver for the Wisconsin team. He's also authored children's books and founded a charity to help the homeless. He'll dance alongside pro **Peta Murgatroyd**.

8. Roshon Fegan: He's a 20-year-old Disney Channel star who appeared in the "Camp Rock" films and is now on "Shake It Up!" He also writes and produces his own music under his own record label. Impressive! He's paired with **Chelsie Hightower**.

9. Gavin Degraw: Unfortunately, the last we heard of the "I Don't Wanna Be" singer, he was getting beat up by thugs in New York City's East Village. He's back in the news for a better reason now, dancing with last season's winner, **Karina Smirnoff.**

10. Jack Wagner: You might remember him from his days on "General Hospital" and "Melrose Place." Or you might recognize him as **Heather Locklear**'s fiance (until November 2011, at least). He dances with **Anna Trebunskaya**.

11. William Levy: Ay, papi! No stranger to TV, the Latin heartthrob can be seen on Univision's "Triunfo del Amor," the No. 1 telenovela on TV. He'll show off his moves with two-time champ **Cheryl Burke.**

12. Katherine Jenkins: She's a Welsh classical singer who is apparently really famous overseas. She'll dance with two-time champ **Mark Ballas.**

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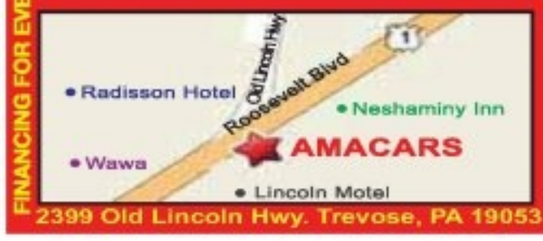

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Jennifer Aniston loosens up

Jennifer Aniston's character in "Wanderlust" runs away from the modern life she and her husband (played by Paul Rudd) share to live in a Utopian, free-love commune in rural Georgia. The actress admits the impulse to disappear isn't all that unfamiliar. "Every day, yes," she says of feeling that way. "I mean, for me, going to Clarksville [Georgia] and shooting this movie was a version of that, honestly, because there were no paparazzi and there [were] no secret little tricky cell phone pictures being taken. It was just this great community and these amazing people."

Maybe getting into the hippie spirit of the film helped, but Aniston says she ended up learning a lot about herself just by the change of environment. "I really realized how walled I was, and not consciously so, but just this armor that I kind of have, protective armor from — not my friends or people in my family — but just being outside in the world," she says. "There's this sigh of relief after Week 1 just knowing, 'Oh this is like John Travolta in "The Boy in the Bubble."' It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"

The image she's conjured reduces her to a fit of laughter, but there was a serious sense of self-improvement for Aniston to take away from the "Wanderlust" production. "It was special, it was really special ... to kind of get back in touch with that part of myself and that anonymity," she says. "I really made a conscious effort to know, 'Don't wall up like that.'"

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Career choices

If she did run away from her life as an actress, what would the "Wanderlust" star do instead?

"Well, there was the period where I wanted to be a therapist if the acting thing didn't work," she says. "I don't know why, I just liked talking to people. I was always the girl that people would come to and talk about their problems. Still am."

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▶ Aniston stars in the new comedy "Wanderlust."

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Don't fear the stylus comeback

There's a trend in smartphones, and some might call it disturbing. Hand-in-hand with the recent surge of phones with gigantic screens comes a surprise visitor, poking its way out of the technological past to stab at us here in the present: the stylus.

First there was the Samsung Galaxy Note, a phone with a massive, 5-inch screen and a pull-out stylus called the S Pen. Now, straight from the Mobile World Congress show in Barcelona, LG just debuted its answer to the Note, the Optimus Vu, another 5-inch phone that sports a stylus. Tablets are getting in on the action, too: The Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 rocks an S Pen, and the new PadFone from Asus has a stylus that also doubles as a Bluetooth headset!

One phone that includes a stylus is an odd throwback. But

▶ The Samsung Galaxy Note

four devices — that's a clear pattern, one that is rubbing many people the wrong way. Commentators from Computerworld to Wired have all chimed in to point out what an anachronistic addition a stylus is to a modern smartphone. It's also the wrong attitude. It still has a place in technology.

So why would anyone want to go back to the using an accessory when phones have evolved enough to be instantly sensitive to finger touches? Simple answer: accuracy.

"I like it for its precision," says technologist Adrian Calderon. "Even working on an iPhone, I can often tap with my stylus much faster than I can type with my finger."

The stylus lets Calderon draw with more care in apps like SketchBook; but when the hardware is matched to the stylus, there's even more potential to unlock.

PETER PACHAL FOR Mashable
The Social Media Guide

TV watch list

'America's Next Top Model'

REALITY. Dubbed "British Invasion," Cycle 18 is a fierce-off between former contestants from "Britain's Next Top Model" and newbie American model wannabes. If an American fails to win "America's Next Top Model," is that an automatic declaration of war? **Season premiere, 9 p.m., The CW**

'Psych'

COMEDY. The guys use Shawn's fake psychic powers to hunt for a mythical dagger. Perhaps Gus has an imaginary friend who can help! **Midseason premiere, 10 p.m., USA**

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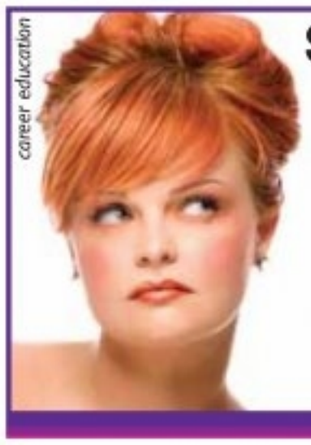

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Milan Fashion Week reviews

Roberto Cavalli

1 With the Oscars overlapping its Fashion Week, Milan has been surprisingly light on celebrities. But Roberto Cavalli made up for it by closing out Italy's shows with none other than one of fashion's starriest models, Naomi Campbell. It was an appropriate ending for a show filled with flamboyantly opulent clothes for the biggest divas — fur-trimmed T-shirts over leggy python bell bottoms, massive fur ball gown skirts with graphic silk blouses and sweeping animal-print, chiffon dresses under tough leather jackets. Each look was richer and more dramatic than the next.

Jil Sander

2 "You can never leave without leaving a piece of you," Billy Corgan sang as the models walked. It's a testament to how Raf Simons made the label his own that the overall sadness about his leaving Jil Sander seemed to overshadow any buzz or excitement about the founder returning to her namesake brand. News that the Autumn/Winter '12 collection would be Simons' last instantly made the show the week's hottest ticket. And afterward, people talked about it with an "I was there" type of reverence. The sentimentality of it all could have easily eclipsed the clothes, if they weren't so sublime. For one, Simons worked with color, specifically romantic shades of red and soft pastels that gave some much-needed contrast to all the moody black and charcoal we've seen this week. He also continued the outerwear story that has been dominating Milan, but with an elegant touch — and thankfully not a dip-dyed fur sleeve in sight. His coats and corseted dresses came in voluminous shapes that evolved from the full skirts and dresses he showed for spring. The clothes were a continuation and yet a definitive end — at least for the house of Jil Sander. In the meantime, we hope the rumors that he'll take the reins at Christian Dior are true. KENYA HUNT

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The skinny on eating disorders

A gaunt frame is what you might see — what you don't are the underlying causes of the disorder

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While eating disorders are readily associated with anorexic girls supposedly wanting to be model-thin, the reality is far more complex than feminine vanity.

"There are many types of eating disorders," says Dr. Gregg Jantz, founder of A Place of Hope, an eating disorder treatment center, and the author of "Hope, Help, and Healing for Eating Disorders." "For example, there's binge eating and food addiction. An eating disorder is a chronic faulty relationship with food that controls one's life."

Behavior includes binging and purging, starvation, laxative abuse and compulsive overeating; but Dr. Jantz warns that these are all symptoms, not the problem. A complex range of psychological and/or emotional conditions are behind eating disorders, including feelings of inadequacy, depression, anxiety and loneliness. Troubled relationships with family, friends or work colleagues may all play a part. According to Dr. Jantz, young girls and women age 13 to 30 are most at risk, with about 5 percent of eating disorders occurring in males.

Eating disorders can be triggered by a single traumatic event, such as death, divorce or rape — or a degrading comment. They can also take longer to develop, building as traumatic experiences mount up. Focusing on food gives relief to unaddressed emotional pain, until it spirals out of control.

"It becomes an addiction because it controls you despite many attempts to quit," Dr. Jantz says.

And though sufferers can exhibit considerable shame about their condition, the stigma is being reduced. Public figures like Lady Gaga and Elton John have come forward about their bouts bulimia, and the National Eating Disorders Awareness Week — currently underway now — seeks to educate the public.

"It makes it safer to get help," says Dr. Jantz. "You realize you're not alone."

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Conservative ideas: Oxymoronic jokes

RE: "MOST OF THE PEOPLE V. CITIZENS UNITED": Devyn Drake is absolutely right that money is not speech (nor is it power!), and corporations are not people. Devyn, I too blame the craziness of the system on the conservative "Justices", contrary to Scalia's quote — it was Scalia, after all, who stole the 2000 election from Gore and gave it to Bush. Now that was crazy! The fact that conservative politicians, judges and voters favor Citizens United tells me that conservative thinking is an oxymoron, just like "Fox news" and "business ethics".
J. ANDREW SMITH, BLOOMFIELD, NJ

Obama deserves credit not scorn

It is so sad to see time has not changed. I am not a Muslim, but I know Muslims. Every Catholic priest is not a child molester; not all Muslims are radicals. They who denounce our president and speak of how he is making the U.S. weak are the radicals. Obama has strengthened our country.
DWAYNE ROBINSON, NORTHEAST

"Ron Paul will end the wasteful war in Afghanistan."

RE: "RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT WITH SCISSORS": Ron Paul does not support the massive deficit spending that has resulted in today's 15 trillion-dollar long-term debt. He opposes the thousands of congressional earmarks supporting tens of billions of dollars in pork barrel member item spending. Paul is no fan of corporate welfare or spending billions on useless weapons systems supported by Congress but not requested by the Pentagon. Paul will abolish corporate welfare subsides via favorable tax code deductions and start a real campaign against waste, fraud and abuse. He will close down obsolete military bases abroad and reduce United Nations and foreign aid to those who offer us no support when needed. Paul will end the wasteful war in Afghanistan.
LARRY PENNER, VIA E-MAIL

Hey, we didn't kill all of 'em, right?

New reports declare that only 30 percent of the casualties of drone attacks in Pakistan were civilians and 70 percent were militants. That is better news, but not good news. It means we only kill three innocent people out of every ten. That is exactly like our police only killing one citizen every time they kill two criminals in a chase. Would we live with that? **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL**

Where is Obama's leadership now?

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's tough words on Russia and China's inaction to stop Syria's slaughter of their citizens is just what we needed to hear — from President Obama! Any chance they could trade places?
HERB STARK, VIA E-MAIL

Stomach problems are unsettling

It can be debated which of Rick Santorum's many shortcomings makes him a poor choice for president, but his admission that a speech by Kennedy made him "want to throw up" ought to at least worry the medical community. **DAVID TERHUNE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

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♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When dealing with a person with whom you've had some kind of problem in the past, you're likely to focus only on what bugged you about him or her and not on the present situation.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When other people's assets are put in your hands, consider it a sacred trust. Bend over backward to live up to the expectations of those who have placed their faith in you.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be protective of your self-interest, but don't go to extremes about guarding your position. Be willing to adjust to the will of others when you believe it to be necessary.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You'll only have yourself to blame if you do things that you know will go against your best interest. Make sure you fully consider the consequences of your actions.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You are generally a good shopper when you put your mind to it, but if some irresistible items are dangled in front of you, good intentions could fade.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Do not leave the making of a personally important decision totally up to another. Abdicating your rights could lead to complications that only you might suffer.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Co-workers will resent it if they feel that you are acting in a superior way toward them. If you're not careful, you could quickly slip into this mode when placed in a leadership position.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It's essential to make sure your counterpart is a capable one when dealing together in a financial venture. You'll need to work in harmony to positively affect the bottom line.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You won't be at your best when forced to make a decision under pressure. Take control so that you'll have time to weigh and balance things at your own pace.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Remember, you are the master of your own fate when making and keeping pledges to others. No one will be forgiving if you break your promise and fail to do as you say.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Relying on your hunches regarding a speculative risk is a bad idea. If you think an irrational urge is instead an intuitive perception, you could get yourself in real trouble fast.
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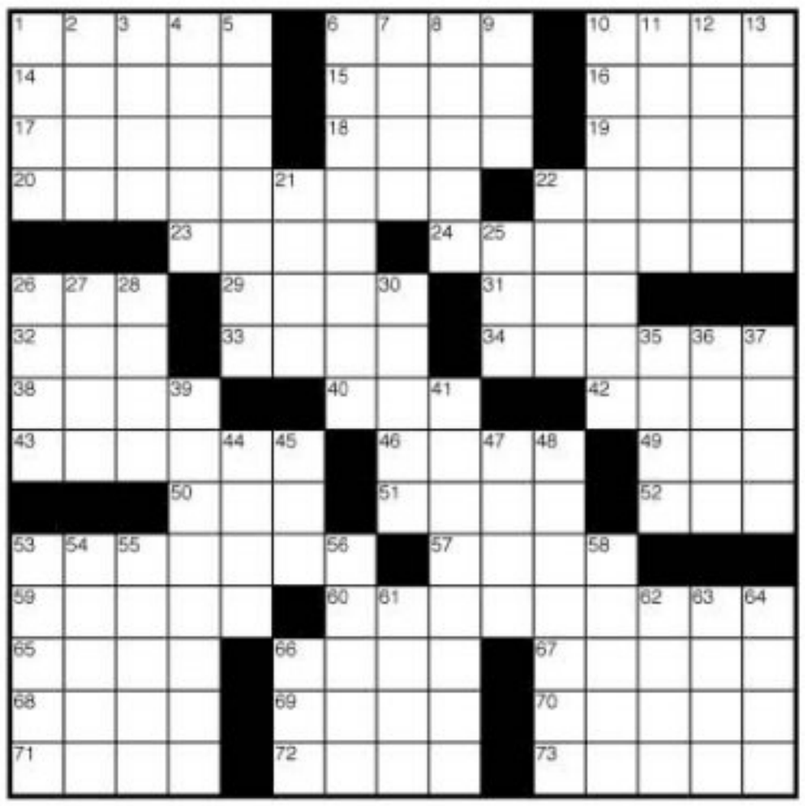

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15 Diva's melody
16 Mil. school
17 __ cotta
18 Confederates
19 Simon or Armstrong
20 Ground beef concoction(2 wds.)
22 Traditional saying
23 Bread spread
24 Well-bred
26 Mild interjections
29 To be, to Balzac
31 Insect resin
32 Diving bird
33 Clock's front
34 Slushy fruit drink
38 "Fish Magic" artist
40 Beaded shoe
42 Teen event
43 Finn's pal
46 Gone by
49 Debt memo
50 England's Isle of __
51 Kuwaiti leader
52 Really big tees
53 Is not renewed
57 Earth Day subj.
59 Female vampire
60 Dense fog (hyph.)
65 Grease job
66 Chopped cabbage
67 Annoy
68 __ Sevareid of the news
69 Leaning Tower site
70 Everglades wader
71 Cloy
72 L.L.D. holder
73 Wake up

Down
1 Lays
2 "Bootnose" of hockey
3 Matador's foe
4 A Marx brother
5 Fastened
6 Kitchen herb
7 Sandwich cookie
8 Rome's river
9 Suffers from
10 Disadvantage
11 Barracuda habitat
12 Hurler Satchel __
13 Loafed around
21 Abominable Snowman
22 Way, way off
25 Brownie
26 Grown acorns
27 Storytelling dance
28 Twist
30 Wed in haste
35 Monaco's Grand __
36 Lifeguard's beat
37 Ostrich cousins
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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Sixers shake rust, rout Pistons in first game back

- Young leads as team snaps five-game losing skid
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Bring on Kevin Durant.

The Sixers used the All-Star break to get rested and snapped their five-game losing streak last night with a 97-68 in Detroit. Thaddeus Young led the way with a team-high 20 points in 27 minutes, with Andre Iguodala adding 12 and Jrue Holiday 10.

The Sixers (21-14) host Oklahoma City tonight at the Wells Fargo Center in what should be an electric atmosphere. The Thunder (27-7) own the best record in the Western Conference — tied for tops in the NBA with Miami — and feature Durant, the All-Star MVP, who is averaging 27.9 points per game.

Against the Pistons, the Sixers shot 50 percent (42-for-84) from the field while holding Detroit to 31.6 percent (25-for-79). The defensive-minded Sixers also forced 22 turnovers for the entire game.

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▶ Iguodala

+18

Thaddeus Young's plus-minus rating versus the Pistons. The Sixers had nine guys with ratings over +11 and six players in double figures.

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▶ Is Burress the big red-zone target the Birds need?

Burress talking Birds, says Vick can win it all

Plaxico Burress still wants to be a Philadelphia Eagle.

The soon-to-be free agent wide receiver was a guest on 97.5 The Fanatic yesterday and maintained his stance from a year ago. Remember, Burress wore a Phillies cap as he greeted the media after being released from a two-year prison sentence.

"Hey, man, nothing else would make me happier," Burress said of playing here. "Coming to Philadelphia and instituting myself to the offense, it just adds a unique dynamic to what's already in place."

Burress admitted that the Eagles showed a lot of interest last offseason, keeping in touch days before he signed with the New York Jets for $3 million. Burress grew up in the same part of Virginia as Mike Vick and talks to the quarterback a few times a week.

"I really believe he can bring a championship to Philadelphia, and I'd love to be part of that," Burress said. "Coming from what we've come from, I just think it would be a special deal."

The 34-year-old needed a few games to get back into football shape last year, but still finished with a respectable 45 catches for 612 yards and eight touchdowns — seven of those TDs came in the red zone. The Eagles ranked 14th in the NFL in the red zone in 2011.

The Jets haven't ruled out bringing Burress back, but he is scheduled to become a free agent on March 13. And Burress is sure he can improve on last season's numbers.

"Going into this year, I'm going to be a lot stronger," Burress said. "I think this year coming up, I'm going to be like my old self." METRO

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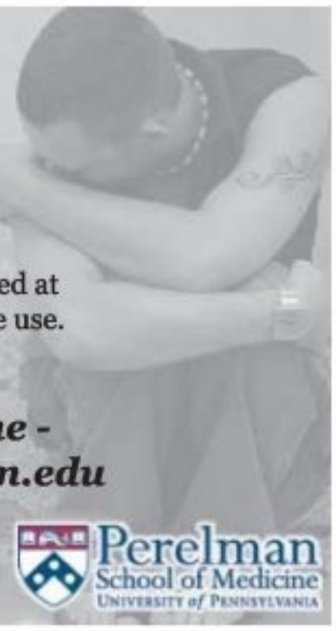

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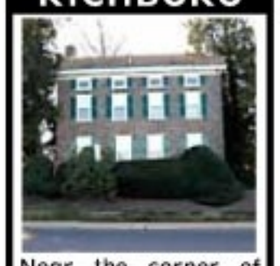

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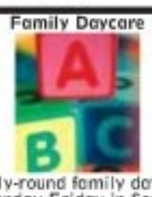

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▶ A rendering of what the modular-constructed Weccacoe Flats will look like once assembled.

The luxurious

◗ Weccacoe Flats in Queen Village will have plenty of environment-friendly amenities ◗ But they're not skimping on plush extras — or the elevators

To entice the environmentalists, Weccacoe Flats in Queen Village will include a long list of green features, from hybrid water heaters to dual flush toilets. For the decadent, the three-story building will have an elevator that opens directly into each full-floor unit.

"Sure, you can say 'how green is an elevator in a three-story structure'? But from a sales standpoint, it's just not as spectacular if you have to walk up the stairs," says developer Scott Seibert.

Seibert and his brother, G.C. Seibert, do have some green cred. Their first multifamily project, Bancroft Green in Grad Hospital, snagged a NAHB's Modular Home Green Building award and, like Weccacoe Flats, was designed by green architect firm Re:Vision.

"Once you start building, you can't really change anything without throwing a monkey wrench into the whole mix."
SEIBERT ON MODULAR HOMES

Weccacoe (a Lenni Lenape word pronounced "wheh-ka-ko," Seibert says) is modular, too: The units will be built indoors, then transported out to the site at Fifth and Queen streets and assembled.

Modular construction is typically much faster because multiple elements of the building can be created simultaneously — all while the site itself is being prepped. The catch is there's no room for last-minute tweaks.

"Once you start building, you can't really change anything without throwing a monkey wrench into the whole mix," Seibert says.

That means early Weccacoe buyers will have some say in fixtures and finishes; if you buy later, you'll have to take it as is. Of course, with 2,000 square feet, Bosch appliances and bamboo floors, "as is" isn't looking so bad.

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The units

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